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Publication on CIA Intelligence Information Report forms
(master ditto) of single broadcast items related to OCD requests.

1. A question has arisen as to whether single monitored broadcast items whose subject-matter is or may be related to specific OCD requests and which items are otherwise published in regular FBIB reports (DAILY REPORTS or the weekly SURVEY OF USSR RADIO BROADCASTS) should also be published on the CIA Intelligence Report Form. An attempt has been made to clarify this question by telephone with OCD, but no decision has been reached.

2. To give an example. The following broadcast item, whose subject-matter is related to Secret [] requesting information in the field of electronics covering new or novel vacuum tube developments including, among other things, power output, was published in the regular weekly SURVEY OF USSR RADIO BROADCASTS, 12 December 1947, No. 24, p. H 12.

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In the course of a [] radio development in the USSR, it was reported that "an electric tube of original construction has been produced in the USSR, including a tube of 500 kilowatt capacity." (TASS, in Russian Hellschreiber, Abroad, 3 December 1947)

Since this item had already been published in one of the regular FBIB publications, it was not prepared on the CIA Intelligence Information Report form (master ditto).

3. Items bearing a similar relationship to particular OCD requests have appeared and do appear from time to time, but when they are included in a regular FBIB publication they have not been prepared as single items on the master ditto Information Report form since that would mean simply a duplication of effort. Although it has been recognized that the appearance of such items in regular FBIB publications does not meet one of the technical elements of specific OCD requests—namely, that applicable material be issued on master ditto Information Report forms—it is felt that such appearance meets the operational requirements of the request and that relevant broadcast items thereby become available to those concerned. Since, however, there may be a possible misunderstanding on this matter, a formal [] on this issue appears desirable.

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4. From FBIB's point of view, it is recommended, in the interest of keeping duplication of effort to a minimum, that single items applicable to particular OCD requests be issued in the regular FBIB publications without the necessity of preparing them also on the master ditto Report form, and that the latter


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be reserved for consolidation and collation of a number of items on a particular subject or request, or reports of information which because of their nature cannot be included in routine publications.


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